

Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association

Executive Meeting Minutes

March 03, 2021

The Executive Meeting of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association was called to order at 7:01pm by President Jim Hessler K8JH. Due to covid-19 safety concerns, the meeting could only be held on Zoom. It was open to the public. In attendance: KE8LQH, WD8USA, KN4Ck, AC8QE ,KF8QL N8DGD ,K8JH ,K8JX

President's Report:

Jim wanted to discuss the swap and location. Looks like we'll be having a "Swap" this year. Jim asked Steve P. if he would be the chair person for the swap: He is willing to be co-chair. Nobody at the meeting volunteered. Jim will ask at the General business meeting this coming Friday. Dave has already signed us up for the Homestead Building, for our swap. We're not listed on the ARRL site for our swap. Steve said it may take a while for it to show. Jim said he'd check with his Church building for our use (VE?). He'll let Steve know later this week.

Vice President's Report: No Report)

Secretary Report: No report

Treasure Report: Treasurer Report for February 2021

February's starting balance was \$ 6441.95

Income totaled \$ 215.97 from donations and membership renewals

Expenditures totaled \$112.21

February's ending balance is \$ 6545.71

- Our PayPal account is working well for membership renewals, and also donations.
- I also sent in the paperwork to the home school, securing our reservation for the swap. They credited us our payment from last year, so this year is no charge.
- I have ordered additional checks for the account.

Respectfully,

Dave DeVos KF8QL

Dave also found a form for the State of Michigan: it hadn't been renewed since 2017. He is going to see if he can find the resident agent and have it renewed.

We then had a discussion on what to charge for the swap .I.R.A. Has raised their Gate fee to \$8.00, from \$6.00. We decided to present to the general membership raising the gate fee to \$8.00.

Jim has contacted GVSU and they will let us set up Field Day in the middle of their campus. We can use the bathrooms during the day, but the buildings will be locked at night. We'll need porta-pottys.

Joe Bell would like to see a Red Cross Donate button placed on the membership application, like it used to be.

Steve was asked about the current status of the Red-Cross Building being sold: the current interested buyer, is still undecided. We do have a plan B. Use the GVSU' buildings! We already have a green light for installing a remote station.

Jim inquired about what prizes we should print on the tickets, and what grand prize would we be offering. Jim said DS Engineering is having a convention, maybe we could approach them for prizes.

We adjourned at 8:01 pm.
Respectively Submitted
By Richie Ranta K8JX
Secretary